

# THE BRETHREN'S EVANGELIST.

nations have not been used in cultivating the good seed as it should have been. The sacred word teaches us love, peace and forbearance, and we venture to say if those seeds were planted in the hearts of the Dunkard fraternity, and sufficiently cultivated, the existing troubles and contentions would vanish, and all would accept the Bible and it alone as their criterion; but as long as men think and believe that the Bible is only a medium by which to convert the world, and after their conversions to lay before them a fallible law, gotten up by men, and say as did the masters to their slaves, "ye must be subject," just as long as these things exist, just so long there will be trouble, and the only safe grounds during these trying times is for our inclinations to lead us more to the study of the Bible. The Word of God is sufficient to convert sinners, and also binding enough to hold them together in peace, love and friendship, after their conversion. The few words that I have written on church government, I have penned with a Christian feeling toward all; for I wish to know none after the name progressives and conservatives. I do not believe they were intended for separating names for the followers of Christ, for he has said that we should all be one even as he and his father are one. What I have penned I firmly and honestly believe to be the truth. And it is written the truth shall make us free, and if it frees us we should freely use the pen to declare it.

We also may be carelessly inclined in not attending church and Sabbath school, especially when it is not our kind, so to speak. There are many people in the world when they are so situated that they cannot attend their own denominational meetings they will not go at all. It is just because they are self-righteously inclined to carry out that which the Bible condemns self-righteousness, prejudice, and superstition. May we all be inclined to reform, and be the attendants of such places where we can learn kindness, uprightness and the true meaning of friendship, and the duties of the true Christian life. It is written: "He that feareth God and worketh righteousness in any nation is accepted with him."

We find those who are inclined to trample the blessed Sabbath School work under foot, not only by the non-attendance of themselves, but by giving their influence to keep others away, and the only argument they have to give is that they and their parents did not attend Sunday-school. Rather too bad to tell, for had they attended a good Sunday-school, perhaps they would be more inclined to influence their children on the way of progress. The very ones who are clogging the wheels of true Christian progress, are those who say we dare not have or do anything that our forefathers did not have or do. The aged, the very ones who should be foremost in Sunday School work, we see careless and unconcerned. How can you expect the rising generation to step to the ranks of true progress, when the passing generations do not do their duty.

MILTON E. HORNER.

## Wanted.

Five hundred Brethren and their families to settle in and around Emporia, a thriving and enterprising city, and county of Lyon county, in the Neosho Valley, state of Kansas. I have now lived here two years and like it so well that I have decided to make it my permanent home, because I find it contains everything essential my happiness in this world, except a sufficient number of brethren and sisters to organize into a lively, devoted and energetic church, which this notice it is hoped will supply.

Emporia has a population of eight thousand and is rapidly increasing. Since I came here between four and five hundred buildings have been erected, and still houses are in as great demand and rent as high as when I first came. Town lots have almost doubled in value. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, and the Missouri Pacific railroads intersect here. A branch of the A. T. & S. F. runs from here southward, and the Kansas City & Emporia is almost complete, making altogether five outlets by rail.

Educationally, we have five ward schools, all graded into a centrally located High School. The State Normal School is also located here, and the ground has recently been purchased for the erection of a \$75,000 college, under the auspices of the Presbyterians next season.

We have water works, gas lights, and street cars. Carpenters, stone-masons, painters, plasterers, and all other tradesmen find plenty of work here at good wages. Emporia has three weekly and two daily papers. In short everything is well represented except the Brethren church, which is practically unknown. The German Baptists have an organization in the country, and hold meetings eight and thirteen miles from Emporia. To their credit be it said they have not yet

stained their hands and soiled their record by expelling their progressive members.

The country around Emporia is well adapted to agriculture and stock raising, and thousands of acres can yet be bought at very reasonable prices. No man of ordinary energy and a little means could possibly fail to do well, either in Emporia or the surrounding country. I will take special pleasure in answering questions and giving desired information to any Brethren who contemplate changing their location, and will cheerfully meet and entertain traveling ministers, if notified of their coming. JOHN H. PECK.

Emporia, Kans.

## Brother Spanogle Has The Floor.

Dear Evangelist:—I preached my first sermon at Fair Haven, Ohio, Nov. 3rd and my last Nov. 16th, to a large congregation of attentive listeners. We had the pleasure during our meeting of seeing every available space of the Brethren's beautiful church house filled to its utmost capacity. And among our congregation we saw too, "ye" senior and junior editors, and their "better halves." Left the brethren "holding the fort" with announcements over Sabbath. This church lying on the borders of Ashland, is familiar to you, and has been referred to frequently, hence will not occupy space. It is presided over by one Philip, whose surname is Brown, and this will suffice with reference to its stamina, when I say its members, too, have partaken largely of the same characteristic. On the second Sabbath, our conservative brethren had services within a stones throw; but our church bell still kept on ringing, people kept on coming; some went down to Dan to worship, others went up to Bethel—(of course the bell was up at Bethel) and Bethel had the greater multitude. Their Turtulas, whom they call David N. Workman failed to put in an appearance. A description of the beautiful temple was given in the EVANGELIST after its dedication, and hence it need not be repeated. Have only to say that its architecture is beautiful, and was erected as if by magic, at a cost of about \$4,000. It stands upon an eminence looming heavenward, as a monument to those brethren and sisters whose hearts and souls are in the work. And brethren, when you are laid away in the silent city, your children can gratefully point to it as a sacred memento of their fathers.

With Brown, Jacobs and Keifer they have a strong trio of ministers. Brother Jacobs goes to a new field in the coming spring. We made our home with brother Ben Swihart's, who met us at Wooster, and a happy home we had. "Ben" acted as our Sankey during the meeting. We too, had the pleasure of sharing the blessings of morpheus with brother Brown and Yoder, and although the avoirdupois was somewhat at variance, we nevertheless slept well. May God especially bless the lambs that have entered the fold, and may all the brethren and sisters enjoy rich blessings from Him who heareth the ravens when they cry. Fraternally,

WILL L. SPANOGLE.

Martinsburg, Pa., Nov., 19,

## From The Dayton Church, Ohio.

Since our organization April 20, 1882, we have met regularly once every week, in a small room in the rear end of the Brethren church, on the corner of Jackson and VanBuren streets, to worship God and read his Word; for which we feel truly thankful to Almighty God, who knows there was a time when we were denied that privilege. Our room was too small, we could not invite our friends and neighbors to enjoy with us this gospel feast, hence the members decided, for the present, to partition off a front room 26x37 in which to hold our meetings until it please the Lord to enable us to rebuild or to provide some place more suitable.

However humble this place may appear, to many, we most thankfully accept it as a gift from God. This room will be dedicated as a place in which to worship God, read his Word, and preach the Gospel. Sunday the 25th inst., the Lord willing, brother J. W. Beer will preach for us on that day at 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Come let us reason together.

Dayton, Ohio.

## From Milledgeville, Ills.

The Sunday-school in the Milledgeville congregation closed on Oct. 28th. We had made arrangements with brother S. Z. Sharp to conduct a children's and young peoples meeting on that day. The weather being very unpleasant and rainy, brother Sharp was absent. So the home ministers conducted the meeting for the special benefit of the young. Every congregation should have such meetings more frequently. Young people are too often and too much neglected in our religious services, the aim being too much to reach the

older ones, and not the young. The average attendance during the summer was 60. We feel that the influence of the Sunday-school is being felt in our midst and that for good.

The good cause is gaining strength here. We hope the time is not far distant when we can hold a Sunday-school convention successfully in northern Ills.

There were only 264 verses committed, owing, perhaps to the small number of small scholars. The school was composed mostly of those ripe in years. ELLEN GNAGEY.

## From Shemoka Pa.

By request brother S. W. Wilt commenced a series of meetings on the evening of Oct. 27, at the Hemlock school-house, in the Shemoka congregation. It closed Nov. 6th. Large congregations, and good attention to the word preached, in its purity.

I send you with this a copy of the minutes of our council, for publication:

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL NOV. 6, 1883.

The Brethren of the church at Shemoka, Jefferson county, Pa., met in council at the Hemlock school-house, November 6, 1883, brother J. C. Brumbaugh, presiding. Opened by devotional exercises and reading of a portion of Matth. 18.

First in order was local church business. None being presented the church proceeded to consider our church troubles in general for the purpose of identifying ourselves with some portion of the church as she now exists in her divided state. The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously passed, or adopted; expressing our wish and desire:

## HEMLOCK CHURCH.

Nov. 3, 1883.

Inasmuch as the church at Shemoka was organized about six years ago, on the "Gospel alone platform," as a Brethren Church, and never did adopt the minutes of Annual Meeting any farther than advice, in cases where we had no gospel, and then they were made subject to the decision of the church.

Resolved—therefore that we hereby express it as our desire that from henceforth we be considered as standing identified with the Brethren church, as reconstructed at the conventions held at Ashland and Dayton Ohio.

Vote on the above preamble and resolution were submitted to the church by Elder S. W. Wilt.

No other business being presented, adjourned orderly. J. C. Brumbaugh presiding officer. J. W. Foltz, clerk.

P. S.—By the desire of the church, S. W. Wilt assisted at the foregoing council.

J. C. BRUMBAUGH.

## College Notes.

Some of our friends complain of the themes at the late public exercises of the Junior class, but all I have to say, is that perhaps it was a mistake to call it an entertainment. The primary object was, not to entertain the audience, but to benefit the students.

No one would think of complaining of the examination of an algebra class, that there was too much algebra in it, and there was a reason why discipline and school-work should have a prominent place in the investigation of the class.

Students are still coming and the enrollment for the term is already as large as that of last term.

Brother E. L. Yoder was in Ashland on College business last week but he did not visit the school.

Prof. Hixson takes the manipulating class in Chemistry this term. Brother Gnagey has a new class in algebra and brother Perry one in German, on account of the great number of new students.

Prof. Hixson received a telegram Sunday, announcing the death of his grandfather, Capt. James McClure, of Lexington, Highland county, Ohio. He and Mrs. Hixson on Monday afternoon started to attend the funeral. They will be absent for several days visiting relatives and friends in that vicinity.

The social on Saturday night was a success in every particular. REPORTER.

## From Brother Bashor.

Physically I am feeling ordinarily well this morning, and spiritually as the unshorn Sampson. Our meeting goes on with increasing crowd and interest. The standard of gospel perfection is raised, the battle cry of Jesus and him only is the ringing shout all along the line, and victory is majestically perched upon our banner. The enemy has marshaled his forces, loaded his battery with objections, doubts and excuses, fired away and retreated. When God works none can hinder, and the dead are being baptized. I have preached the whole gospel as we believe it and it is taking strong hold upon the hearts of the people. Thirteen of the enemy have

fallen so far and many more are almost persuaded. When we consider that nearly every body here belongs to the Baptists and Methodist, or German Baptists and we only had nine members, this is so far a wonderful and glorious demonstration of the power of God. Four came last night, and we hope for many others to-night: "Glory to God in the highest, on earth, good will to man." I feel like the old war horse entering upon a new battle. Pray that God may give me grace to go with bodily strength sufficient to preach if only 30 minutes at a time. Good by.

S. H. BASHOR.

Botetourt Springs, Va., Nov. 14.

## From Fair Haven, Ohio.

Our meeting closed on the evening of Nov. 18th, having continued from the 3rd. Brother W. L. Spanogle was with us and labored faithfully. His discourses were excellent. We had large congregations and the best of attention. Brother Will is the man to hold the attention of any congregation possessing the intelligence to appreciate good preaching. The weather for the most part was all we could desire. Moonlight nights and good roads. On Sunday evening the 11th, many went away without being able to get into the house. Our meeting is over. It was a good one. Brother Will is now engaged in other fields, and the prayers of the Fair Haven church follow him. The immediate result of the meeting is five additions by baptism and two by relation. May God bless the converts, brother Spanogle and the Fair Haven Brethren church. P. J. BROWN.

Congress, Ohio.

## A Request.

There are many of the Brethren who have books written in defense of our principles, and others useful to the student, teacher, or minister, which are now lying idle on the table or in the book case. I have a number of good books, and much good reading in the form of pamphlets and periodicals; which I should now like to exchange for other reading matter. I am absent from the Brethren here, and get lonesome at times, so I hope to have many respondents to the request.

After an absence of nearly a year and a half. I returned to Ill., last month and visited for three weeks among friends and brethren. Camp Creek church held their communion while I was there. Brother D. B. Gibson did most of the preaching, and it was well done. The meetings were well attended and the interest good. Thanks for copy of THE BRETHREN'S EVANGELIST sent lately. Hope to be able soon to read it regularly. Asking to be remembered by friends and brethren, I am fraternally,

H. C. LUCAS

Redfield, Dak. Nov. 10, 1883.

## The Western Convention.

Please announce at once that a convention will be held with the Brethren at Silver Creek, Cowley county, Dec., 6th, commencing at 9 o'clock. All who feel an interest in the work of reform are cordially invited to attend. Not only of the state of Kansas, but of Missouri, Nebraska and elsewhere.

The object of meeting is to more effectually organize our working force and especially to inaugurate an efficient mission work for the west. The time is at hand when something more must be done. "The fields are ripe unto harvest" and they must be gathered. In health; good weather here, farmers active with their fall work.

A. J. HIXSON.

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